GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1087
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2007
AMENDMENT TO PFA ACT, 1954
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji;Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba;Rathod Shri Harisingh Nasaru

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for amendment to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 so as to make all punishable offences cognizable and non bailable under this Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b):The proposal was that all offences punishable under this Act shall be cognizable and non-bailable.

(c): The proposed Prevention of Food Adulteration (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill,2006 was in contravention to the provisions of Section 20 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act,1954 Further, since the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 has been passed by the Parliament and after its coming into force Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 shall be repealed, therefore, it was suggested by this Ministry that the Prevention of Food Adulteration (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2006 may be kept in abeyance.